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Appl. No. 10/728,874

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has made a Restriction Requirement, alleging that the claims are directed towards two inventions. The Examiner refers to Group I as being drawn to a scheduling system, and Group II as being drawn to a CAM used in a scheduling system. With respect, it appears that the Examiner has mischaracterized the claims of Group II. Claim 39 is not directed to a CAM *per se*, but rather is directed to "a method of scheduling processing events". It is respectfully submitted that this would be categorized as a scheduling system along the same lines as claims 1 to 38.

As such, in response to the Election/Restriction Request, Applicant elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1 to 38 with traverse. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Election Requirement.

Turning now to the Examiner's request as set out in paragraph 4 of the Detailed Action, the relevant inquiries have been made, and Applicant has nothing to identify.

Favorable consideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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